

LAW OF UKRAINE
On the Police

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{For amendments to the Law, see Law No. 723-VII ([723-18](#)) of 01.16.2014 (comes into effect on 21.07.2014 - see Section II of the Law) - repealed with Law No. 732-VII ([732-18](#)) of 01.28.2014}

{For more information on repealing Law No. 2592-VI ([2592-17](#)) of 07.10.2010, see Law No. 763-VII ([763-18](#)) of 23.02.2014, BSC, 2014, No. 12, p. 189}

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{In the text of the Law, the names "Ukrainian SSR" and "the Council of Ministers" are replaced with the names "Ukraine" and "the Cabinet of Ministers", respectively, pursuant to Law No. [2484-12](#) of 06.19.92}

{In the text of the Law, the words "the Republic of Crimea" and "Crimea" are replaced with "the Autonomous Republic of Crimea" pursuant to Law No. 1577-IV ([1577-15](#)) of 04.03.2004 - the Law was suspended for 2005 with Laws No. 2285-IV ([2285-15](#)) of 23.12.2004, No. 2505-IV ([2505-15](#)) of 25.03.2005; the Law was suspended for 2006 with Law No. 3235-IV ([3235-15](#)) of 20.12.2005; the Law was suspended for 2007 with Law No. 489-V ([489-16](#)) of 19.12.2006}

{In the text of the Law, the words "Councils of People's Delegates" in all cases are replaced with the word "councils" in the appropriate case with Law No. 2459-IV ([2459-15](#)) of 03.03.2005, BSC, 2005, No. 16, p. 263}

Section 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. The police in Ukraine

Police in Ukraine is the armed public executive authority that protects the life, health, rights, and freedoms of citizens, property, the natural environment, and interests of society and of the state from illegal encroachments.

Article 2. The key tasks of the police

The key tasks of the police shall be:

to ensure personal security of citizens, to protect their rights and freedoms, and lawful interests;

to prevent and combat offenses;

to secure and maintain the public order;

to detect criminal offenses; {Article 2, Paragraph 5 of Law No. 4652-VI [\(4652-17\)](#) of 13.04.2012}

to take part in detection of criminal offenses and search of persons who committed them, in the manner prescribed by the laws on criminal procedures; {Article 2 supplemented the new paragraph in accordance with Law No. 4652-VI [\(4652-17\)](#) of 13.04.2012}

to ensure road safety;

to protect property against wrongful and criminal unlawful encroachments; {Article 2, Paragraph Eight, as amended with Law No. 4652-VI [\(4652-17\)](#) of 13.04.2012}

to enforce administrative penalties; {Article 2 as worded in Law No. 5459-VI [\(5459-17\)](#) of 16.10.2012}

to take part in granting social and legal assistance to citizens; within their competence, to assist public authorities, enterprises, institutions, and organizations in their performance of their legal duties.

Article 3. Principles of the police's activities

The police's activities shall be based on the principles of legality, humanism, respect for the individual, social justice, cooperation with labor groups, community organizations, and the public.

The police's activities shall be public. They shall inform the authorities and management, labor groups, community organizations, the public, and the media about their activities, the status of the public order, and measures to strengthen it. The police shall disclose information and provide it on request in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Access to Public Information" [\(2939-17\)](#). Accreditation of mass media representatives and journalists can be held at police units in compliance with the law. Information that is classified shall not be subject to disclosure, except as required by law.

{Article 3, Part Two, as amended with Law No. 1170-VII [\(1170-18\)](#) of 27.03.2014}

Activities of political parties shall be prohibited at police units. When on duty, police officers shall be independent from the influence of political parties or other associations of citizens.

{Article 3.3 in the version of Law No. [2484-12](#) of 19.06.92; as amended with Law No. 5459-VI [\(5459-17\)](#) of 16.10.2012}

Article 4. The legal framework of the police's work

The legal framework of the police's work shall be: the Constitution of Ukraine [\(254k/96-VR\)](#), this Law, and other legislative acts of Ukraine, Regulations of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Decrees of the President of Ukraine, Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, regulations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and international laws ratified in the prescribed manner.

{Article 4 in the wording of Law [No. 2484-12](#) of 19.06.92}

Article 5. The police's activities and citizens' rights

The police shall perform their duties impartially and in strict compliance with the law. No exceptional circumstances or guidance of officials can be the grounds for any illegal actions or inaction of the police. To ensure the public order, police officers must take action regardless of their subordination.

The police shall respect the dignity of individuals and treat them humanely, protect human rights, regardless of people's social origin, property, or other status, race, ethnicity, nationality, age, language and education, religion, gender, political or other affiliations. When addressing a citizen, the police officer shall indicate his/her name, rank, and present his/her service certificate, if requested. In relations with citizens, the police officer shall demonstrate a high level of culture and discretion.

The police shall not disclose information on an individual's personal life, the one that humiliates his/her honor and dignity, unless the duties require otherwise.

The police shall temporarily, in the framework of the current legislation, restrict citizens' rights and freedoms, unless their duties can be fulfilled without doing that, and shall offer them explanations about that.

The police shall:

from the moment of an arrest or detention (taking in custody), ensure the detained and arrested (taken into custody) persons' right to defend themselves in person or seek for legal assistance of a defense attorney, including free-of-charge legal aid in accordance with the law governing provision of pro bono legal aid, and other rights of persons arrested and detained (taken into custody); {Article 5.5, Paragraph Two as amended with Law No. 5477-VI [\(5477-17\)](#) of 06.11.2012 - the amendment shall take effect gradually after launch of the centers providing secondary pro bono legal aid (see Section 2 of Law No. 5477-VI [\(5477-17\)](#) of 06.11.2012)}

inform, under the procedures established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Center for Secondary Pro Bono Legal Aid on each case of detention, arrest, or taking in custody of a person, unless the person defends him/herself in person or has invited a defense attorney; {Article 5.5 is supplemented with the new paragraph pursuant to Law No. 3460-VI [\(3460-17\)](#) of 02.06.2011}

immediately, but no later than two hours after the arrest or detention (taking in custody) of persons, report their whereabouts to their relatives and, in case of submission of the oral or written request - to the defense attorney, as well as to the administration at the place of work or study;

provide catering for detainees three times a day under the uniform standards established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

if necessary, take measures to provide immediate medical and other assistance to detained and arrested (taken into custody) persons.

{Article 5.5 as worded in Law No. 2322-VI [\(2322-15\)](#) of 12.01.2005}

In case the detained or arrested (taken into custody) persons state their oral or written request for involvement of a defense attorney, police officers shall not be authorized to request that they offer any explanation or evidence before the defense attorney arrives. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Six in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII [\(2322-15\)](#) of 12.01.2005}

The declaration of the request to involve a defense attorney or of the refusal to involve a defense attorney shall be reflected in the detention

protocol or the arrest (custody) record with the respective entry certified with the signature of the detained or arrested (taken into custody) person. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Seven in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

At arrest or detention (taking in custody), police officers shall: inform the persons about the reasons and motives of such an arrest or detention (taking in custody) and explain their right to challenge them in court;

provide the persons with verbal explanation of Article 63.1 of the Constitution of Ukraine (254к/96-BP), the right to refuse offering any explanation or evidence before their defense attorney arrives, and at the same time in print - with clarification of Articles 28, 29, 55, 56, 59, 62, and 63 of the Constitution of Ukraine and the rights of persons arrested or detained (taken in custody) established by law, including the right to defend their rights in person or with the support of a defense attorney starting from the moment of their arrest or detention (taking in custody), the right to refuse offering any explanation or evidence before their defense attorney arrives;

since the moment of their detention or arrest (taking in custody), ensure the persons' opportunity to defend themselves in person or to use legal assistance of a defense attorney, including free-of-charge legal aid in accordance with the laws governing provision of pro bono legal aid.

{Article 5.8, Paragraph Four as amended with Law No. 5477-VI ([5477-17](#)) of 06.11.2012 - the amendment shall take effect gradually after launch of the centers providing secondary pro bono legal aid (see Section 2 of Law No. 5477-VI ([5477-17](#)) of 06.11.2012)}

{Article 5 supplemented with Part Eight in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

In case police officers fail to meet the requirements established with this Article, the person whose rights were violated and/or his/her representatives (relatives, the defense attorney) shall have the right to appeal to court for redress in the manner prescribed by law. Thus, such persons shall be exempt from paying the state duty. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Nine in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

The following shall be subject to compensation in full:

- 1) earnings and other cash income that the person lost as a result of unlawful actions or inaction of police officers;
- 2) property (including cash, cash deposits and interest thereon, securities and interest thereon, a share in the authorized capital of a business partnership to which the citizen was a party, and the profits that he/she failed to receive in accordance with this share, other valuables), the value of property seized, if its returning in kind and in the same condition becomes impossible;
- 3) the amounts of money paid by the citizen in connection with legal assistance provided for him/her;
- 4) the moral damage;

{Article 5 supplemented with Part Ten in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

Compensation of the moral damage shall be made where unlawful acts or inaction of police officers caused the citizen's moral loss, mental suffering, led to breach of his/her normal life connections, or require his/her extra effort to organize his/her life. {Article 5 supplemented

with Part Eleven in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

Moral damage shall be understood as suffering caused to a citizen as a result of physical or psychological pressure, which led to deterioration or deprivation of his/her ability to pursue his/her habits and desires, deterioration of his/her relations with other people, or other negative consequences of the moral nature. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Twelve in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

Officials of police authorities shall be financially liable for damage caused by their unlawful acts or inactivity within the limits set by law. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Thirteen in compliance with Law No. 2322-VII ([2322-15](#)) of 12.01.2005}

In the premises and the dedicated areas where police authorities and police units are located, it shall be prohibited to set up business entities regardless of their ownership and the type of business activities, for the exception of provision of catering services for employees of police departments and units and repair of communication and telecommunication means. {Article 5 supplemented with Part Thirteen in compliance with Law No. 586-VI ([586-17](#)) of 24.09.2008; as amended with Law No. 4778-VI ([4778-17](#)) of 17.05.2012}

Article 6. Cooperation of public authorities, community organizations, labor groups, and citizens in fulfilling the tasks of the police

{Title of Article 6, as amended with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Public authorities, community organizations, officials, labor groups, and citizens shall be obliged to assist the police in ensuring the public order and the fight against crime.

{Article 6.1 as amended with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

In order to perform the tasks delegated to them, the police shall have the right to involve citizens to cooperate, provided they agree to that, in the manner prescribed by the laws governing preventive and operative search operations. Compelling of citizens to cooperate with the police shall be prohibited.

Article 7. The police organization and their subordination

The police shall be a uniform system of units in the structure of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, they shall perform administrative, preventive, operative search, criminal procedural, operational, and security (on the contractual basis) functions. The police shall consist of the units of: {Article 7.1, Paragraph One as amended with Law No. 245-VII ([245-18](#)) of 16.05.2013}

criminal police;

public security police;

{The paragraph of Article 7.1 has gone invalid due to termination of Law No. 1577-IV ([1577-15](#)) of 04.03.2004 pursuant to Law No. 309-VI ([309-17](#)) of 03.06.2008}

transport police;

state traffic inspectorate;

security police;

judicial police; {Article 7.1 amended with Law No. 762-IV ([762-15](#)) of

15.05.2003 (for its coming into effect, see "Final Provisions" of the Law)

special police;

homeland security. {Article 7.1 as supplemented with Paragraph Ten in compliance with Law No. 3334-VI ([3334-17](#)) of 12.05.2011}
In order to ensure public order at the sites and in the areas that are of particular economic importance or are affected by natural disasters, environmental pollution, or accidents, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine may set up special police units.

{Article 7.2 as amended with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}
In the territory of Ukraine, it shall be prohibited to establish military or other armed groups or groups not stipulated in the legislation of Ukraine. {Article 7.3 in the wording of Law [No. 2484-12](#) of 19.06.92}

{Article 7.3 was deleted according to Law No. 1577-IV ([1577-15](#)) of 04.03.2004 - the action of the amendments was suspended for 2005 with Laws No. 2285-IV ([2285-15](#)) of 23.12.2004, No. 2505-IV ([2505-15](#)) of 25.03.2005; the action of the amendments was suspended for 2006 with Law No. 3235-IV ([3235-15](#)) of 20.12.2005; the action of the Law was suspended for 2007 with Law No. 489-V ([489-16](#)) of 19.12.2006; the Law was repealed with Law No. 107-VI ([107-17](#)) of 28.12.2007 - the amendment was deemed unconstitutional with Ruling of the Constitutional Court No. 10-rp/2008 ([v010p710-08](#)) of 22.05.2008, No. 309-VI ([309-17](#)) of 03.06.2008}

The overall structure and the number of staff of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine shall be approved by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The police structure shall be approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

{Article 7.4, as amended with Law No. 1577-IV ([1577-15](#)) of 04.03.2004; as worded in Law 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

The rights and duties, the organization, and the structure of the police units shall be determined by regulations approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in accordance with this Law.

In their activities, the police shall be subordinated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. {Article 7.6 in the wording of Law [No. 62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94}

The Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine shall manage all the police in Ukraine. {Article 7.7 in the wording of Law [No. 62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94}

In the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, cities, districts, and on transport the police shall be managed by heads of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, on transport, heads of district, district in cities, municipal, line departments (units) of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, and in the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, respectively.

{Article 7.8 in the wording of Laws No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94, No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

The head of the Central Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea shall be appointed to the position by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in coordination with the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and shall be dismissed by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in coordination with the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

{Article 7 supplemented with Part Nine in compliance with Law No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94; in the wording of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Deputy heads of the Central Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, heads of district and city internal affairs departments (units) of the Central directorate of Internal Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea shall be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in coordination with the Speaker of the Supreme Council of the Autonomous Republic of the Crimea and the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

{Article 7 supplemented with Part Ten in compliance with Law No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94; in the wording of Laws No. 2592-VI ([2592-17](#)) of 07.10.2010, No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Heads of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, on transport, and their deputies shall be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine without coordination with local governments, local executive authorities, or their officials.

{Article 7 supplemented with Part Ten in compliance with Law No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94; as amended with Law No. 1577-IV ([1577-15](#)) of 04.03.2004; in the wording of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Heads of district, district in cities, municipal, line departments (units) of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, on transport shall be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine without coordination with local governments, local executive authorities, or their officials.

{Article 7 supplemented with Part Twelve in compliance with Law No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94; in the wording of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Deputy heads of district, district in cities, municipal, line departments (units) of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, on transport shall be appointed and dismissed by the heads of the respective central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, on transport.

{Article 7 supplemented with the new part in compliance with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

Heads of central directorates, directorates of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regions, the cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, heads of district and municipal departments (units) shall at a public plenary session of the respective council, where representatives of the media shall be invited, no less that twice a year inform the public of the respective administrative territorial area on the status of fighting crime, ensuring the public order, and performance in the respective territory.

{Article 7 supplemented with the part in compliance with Law No. [62/94-VR](#) of 28.06.94; in the wording of Law No. 2389-VI ([2389-17](#)) of 01.07.2010; as amended with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

*{Article 7.1 has gone invalid due to termination of Law No. 1577-IV
(1577-15) of 04.03.2004 pursuant to Law No. 309-VI (309-17) of
03.06.2008}*

Article 8. Cooperation in the field of the police work between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the relevant authorities of other states, and international police organizations
Cooperation in the field of the police work between the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the relevant authorities of other states, and international police organizations shall be carried out in accordance with the laws of Ukraine, international treaties of Ukraine, as well as statutory regulations and rules of the international police organizations that Ukraine is a member of.

*{Article 8 in the wording of Laws No. 2484-12 of 19.06.92, No. 2164-VI
(2164-17) of 11.05.2010}*

Article 9. Involvement of the staff of other law enforcement agencies for performance of policing tasks
Other law enforcement officers, military staff of the National Guard of Ukraine can be involved to perform tasks for protection of the public order, public security, and to fight against crime in the manner prescribed by applicable laws. As well as cadets, students, adjuncts, and other certified employees, including the faculty, of educational facilities of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, they shall be covered with the rights and duties, legal and social protection guarantees, as well as liability of the police staff.

{Article 9.1 as amended with Laws No. 312-XIV (312-14) of 11.12.98, No. 1181-IV (1181-15) of 18.09.2003, No. 1254-VI (1254-17) of 14.04.2009, No. 877-VII (877-18) of 13.03.2014}

The same rights, duties, liability, and legal and social protection guarantees shall also apply to the police officers who voluntarily perform tasks of protection of the public order, public safety, or whose service duties include the tasks above.

Section 2

DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF THE POLICE

Article 10. The key duties of the police

In accordance with its tasks, the police shall:

1) ensure the safety of citizens and the public order;
2) detect, prevent, and deter criminal offenses, apply operational search and preventive measures for this purpose, as stipulated in the current legislation;

*{Paragraph 2 of Article 10.1 as amended with Law No. 4652-VI (4652-17) of
13.04.2012}*

3) accept and register statements and reports of criminal and administrative offenses, make decisions on them in a timely manner;

*{Paragraph 3 of Article 10.1 as amended with Law No. 4652-VI (4652-17) of
13.04.2012}*

4) take part in resolution of criminal offenses in the manner prescribed by the laws on criminal procedures {Paragraph 4 of Article 10 as amended with Law No. 2484-12; of 19.06.92; as worded in Law No. 4652-VI (4652-17) of 13.04.2012}

5) detect and deter administrative offenses, execute proceedings in cases of the administrative offenses consideration of which the law assigns to

internal affairs agencies; {Paragraph 5 of Article 10.1 of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

5-1) decide on imposition of administrative penalties and enforce them in cases stipulated in laws; {Article 10.1 supplemented with Paragraph 5-1 in compliance with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

6) identify the causes and conditions that contribute to commission of offenses, take measures within their competence to address them; take part in legal education of the population;

7) carry out preventive work among people prone to committing criminal offenses, exercise administrative oversight over persons on whom it was imposed, as well as control over those sentenced to criminal sanctions other than imprisonment;

{Paragraph 7 of Article 10.1 as amended with Law No. 4652-VI ([4652-17](#)) of 13.04.2012}

8) within their competence, enforce criminal penalties and administrative sanctions;

9) search for persons in the cases stipulated by laws and international treaties of Ukraine;

{Paragraph 9 of Article 10.1 of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}
{For amendments to Paragraph 9 of Article 10.1, see Law No. 4652-VI ([4652-17](#)) of 13.04.2012}

10) conduct forensic research based on materials of operative search activities, in the prescribed manner ensure involvement of forensic service professionals into investigative activities;

11) in cases stipulated by law, enforce within their competence resolutions of the prosecutor, investigator, rulings of the investigative judge, or court;

{Paragraph 11 of Article 10.1 in the wording of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012} *{For amendments to Paragraph 11 of Article 10.1, see Law No. 4652-VI ([4652-17](#)) of 13.04.2012}* *{Paragraph 11 of Article 10.1 in the wording of Law No. 245-VII ([245-18](#)) of 16.05.2013}*

12) within their competence, ensure road safety, compliance with laws, rules, and regulations in this area, execute public registration (re-registration) and accounting of vehicles and systematization of data about their owners, hold exams for the license to drive vehicles and issue the relevant documents; prevent pollution of air, water bodies by vehicles and agricultural machinery; monitor proper technical maintenance and cleanliness of roads, streets, and squares;

{Paragraph 11 of Article 10.1 in the wording of Laws No. 1642-III ([1642-14](#)) of 06.04.2000, No. 586-VI ([586-17](#)) of 24.09.2008, NO. 3565-VI ([3565-17](#)) of 05.07.2011}

13) in accordance with legislation and within thirty days issue permits for acquisition, storage, possession, transportation, and use of weapons, special personal protection and active defense means, ammunition, explosive substances and materials, other items, materials and substances for storage and use of which special rules, procedures are set and those covered by the permit system of the law enforcement authorities, as well as for opening and operation of facilities where they are stored or used, shooting ranges, non-military shooting fields, hunting stands, companies and workshops for manufacture and repair of weapons, special personal protection and active defense means, ammunition, stores selling them, fireworks workshops, offices for physical examination of weapons, special personal protection and active defense means, the rules of handling them and of their use; within thirty days, report on refusals to issue such

permits; monitor compliance with the rules, procedures and operation of the facilities covered by the permit system of law enforcement authorities;

{Paragraph 11 of Article 10.1 in the wording of Law No. 4447-VI ([4447-17](#)) of 23.02.2012; as amended with Law No. 721-VII ([721-18](#)) of 16.01.2014 - repealed with Law No. 732-VII ([732-18](#)) of 28.01.2014; as amended with Law No. 767-VII ([767-18](#)) of 02.23.2014}

{Paragraph 14 of Article 10.1 withdrawn with Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

15) inform the relevant public authorities and community associations of accidents, fires, accidents, natural disasters, and other emergencies, take early response measures for liquidation of their consequences, rescuing people and providing them with assistance, guarding of property left unattended;

16) take part in holding of quarantine measures during epidemics and epizootics;

17) promote realization of the regime of martial law or the state of emergency, ecological emergency zones in compliance with the legislation in the event they are announced throughout the territory of Ukraine or in separate areas; *{Paragraph 17 of Article 10.1 as amended with Law No. 3033-III ([3033-14](#)) of 07.02.2002}*

18) guard property and individuals on a contractual basis;

{Paragraph 18 of Article 10.1 as worded in Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012}

19) ensure preservation of documents, belongings, valuables, and other property found or seized from detained and arrested persons, and handed over to the police, take steps to return them to their rightful owners. The police shall be responsible for preservation of valuables and property handed over to them;

20) escort, guard and, when required by law, retain persons: detained in connection with commission of a crime, taken in custody, as well as prosecuted and convicted at the request of judiciary authorities;

{Paragraph 20 of Article 10.1 in the wording of Law No. 5459-VI ([5459-17](#)) of 16.10.2012; as amended with Law No. 245-VII ([245-18](#)) of 16.05.2013; in the wording of Law No. 877-VII ([877-18](#)) of 13.03.2014}

21) in the prescribed manner, identify people constituting groups at risk of AIDS and report to health care facilities about them, as well as, at the request of a health care facility and with the prosecutor's warrant, perform compulsory delivery of these individuals, as well as people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, people suffering sexually transmitted diseases, chronic alcoholism and drug addiction, injection drugs users for compulsory examination and treatment; *{Paragraph 21 of Article 10 in the wording of Law No. [2484-12](#) of 19.06.92}*

21-1) following the court ruling, exercise compulsory delivery of persons suffering contagious forms of tuberculosis to tuberculosis treatment facilities; *{Article 10.1 supplemented with Paragraph 21-1 with Law No. 3537-IV ([3537-15](#)) of 15.03.2006}*

22) perform compulsory delivery of citizens who evade military service to the appropriate public authorities or institutions, in accordance with applicable laws and the prosecutor's warrant;

23) within the jurisdiction, grant assistance to Members of Parliament, governmental officials and representatives of community associations in

their performance of their lawful activities, if they encounter resistance or are threatened by offenders;

24) within the opportunities available, provide persons who have suffered from offenses and accidents or those in conditions making them helpless or threatening their life and health, including minors left without care, with first medical and other aid, and, if needed, apply the measures in compliance with the Law of Ukraine "On Emergency Medical Aid" to ensure that these persons receive emergency medical aid;

{Paragraph 24 of Article 10.1 as worded in Law No. 5081-VI ([5081-17](#)) of 05.07.2012}

25) in the manner prescribed in the laws of Ukraine, ensure safety of persons under the protection, in the event of receiving their application, an application of the head of the respective public authority, or obtaining operative and other information about a threat to their life, health, home, or property; {Paragraph 25 of Article 10 in the wording of Law No. 1381-XIV ([1381-14](#)) of 13.01.2000}